

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 706

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Chilhowee Club on the occasion of its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, this legislative body is pleased to honor those outstanding service organizations within this state that have worked successfully to improve their respective communities and the state as a whole through the good works of their talented, dedicated, and committed members; and

WHEREAS, the Chilhowee Club of Maryville, Tennessee is one such dynamic organization, which recently celebrated 120 years of service, education, and promotion of the arts; and

WHEREAS, established in 1891 by six women of Maryville College, it is the second oldest Federated Women's Club in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, since World War I, the Chilhowee Club has worked to improve the Maryville community in the areas of Public Affairs, Conservation, Education, the Arts, Home Life, and International Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Joy Bishop, president from 1998-2000, spearheaded the successful campaign to build the debt-free Blount County Public Library with help from members of the Chilhowee Club; and

WHEREAS, their 2010 year of great programs included "Quilts of Valor", through which members donated several beautiful quilts to families of our armed services; "Game Day", a fundraiser to benefit the American Cancer Society; and the International Outreach Program, which invited former Knoxville Mayor Victor Ashe to share some of his experiences as Ambassador to Poland; and

WHEREAS, current members enjoy many programs through the organization, including presentations on the history of the club and community by local historians, speakers on various public welfare programs, and a number of fun social events throughout the year, such as the Old Fashioned Christmas Evening Social; and

WHEREAS, some of their most significant contributions to the community have been their support of state-of-the-art Clayton Center for the Arts, their contributions to the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center, and the founding of Haven House, a safe haven for victims of domestic abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Chilhowee Club has been a source of friendship and support for 120 years and continues to be a vital force for improvement in the quality of life and culture in Maryville and Blount County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize the members of the Chilhowee Club for their meritorious service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee, congratulate them upon the occasion of their club's 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.